

## Application

<b>Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)</b>	NC-2023-015-00
<b>Temporary Application Number</b>	6726-2023-1
<b>Award Name</b>	5311 FFY2022 Qualla Boundary Community Transportation Program/ 5311 Appalachian Funding
<b>Application Status</b>	Final Concurrence / Reservation
<b>Application Budget Number</b>	0

<b>Period of Performance Start Date</b>	N/A
<b>Original Period of Performance End Date</b>	3/30/2028
<b>Current Period of Performance End Date</b>	N/A Revision #: N/A

### Part 1: Recipient Information

**Name: EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS**

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	UEI	DUNS
6726	Indian Tribe	EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS	XKNCQTSZ8VD8	074511999

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Headquarters	88 COUNCIL HOUSE LOOP	CHEROKEE	NC	28719
Physical Address	88 COUNCIL HOUSE LOOP	CHEROKEE	NC	28719
Mailing Address	P.O. BOX 455	CHEROKEE	NC	28719

### Union Information

There are no union contacts for this application

### Part 2: Application Information

**Title: 5311 FFY2022 Qualla Boundary Community Transportation Program/ 5311 Appalachian Funding**

<b>FAIN</b>	<b>Application Status</b>	<b>Award Type</b>	<b>Application Cost Center</b>	<b>Date Created</b>	<b>Last Updated Date</b>	<b>From TEAM?</b>
NC-2023-015-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	Region 4	11/17/2022	11/17/2022	No

**Application Executive Summary**

This is an FFY 2022 Section 5311 application in the amount of \$157698. This application is for 5311 Administrative Assistance for public transportation in rural and small urban areas by way of formula grant program administered by NCDOT, to enhance access to passengers for the purpose of health care, shopping, education, recreation, public service and employment by encouraging the maintenance, development, improvement, and the use of public transportation systems. Utilization of these funds will begin when the grant has been awarded. This application is not for research and development. EBCI will be applying for FFY 2022- 5311 Rural Formula funding in the amount of \$71,419 with a 20% local match of \$17,855 and 5311 Appalachian funding in the amount of \$86,279 with a 20% local match of \$21,570 for a total award amount of \$157,698 and to include indirect cost rate. As a federally recognized tribe these funds will come to us as a direct recipient. The overall start date in the grant award date and the overall end date is 03/30/2028.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribe will utilize this award to maintain existing transit services on the Qualla Boundary and other tribal lands. Funding will be used to cover eligible operating expenses including employee salaries, vehicle fuel, preventative maintenance activities and items having a useful life of less than one year. Funding will permit the EBCI Tribe to continue to provide safe and effective operation on transit services to the tribal area. Transit riders in the Qualla Boundary area and other EBCI tribal lands. None EBCI does not have subrecipients.

**Frequency of Milestone Progress Reports (MPR)**

Annual

**Frequency of Federal Financial Reports (FFR)**

Annual

**Does this application include funds for research and/or development activities?**

This award does not include research and development activities.

**Pre-Award Authority**

This award is using Pre-Award Authority.

**Does this application include suballocation funds?**

Recipient organization is directly allocated these funds and is eligible to apply for and receive these funds directly.

**Will this Grant be using Lapsing Funds?**

No, this Grant does not use Lapsing Funds.

**Will indirect costs be applied to this application?**

This award is applying an approved Indirect cost rate(s).

*Indirect Rate Details:* Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians provides their own calculated indirect cost rate. For FY22 the indirect cost rate is 29%.

**Requires E.O. 12372 Review**

No, this application does not require E.O. 12372 Review.

**Delinquent Federal Debt**

No, my organization does not have delinquent federal debt.

## Award Description

**Purpose**

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribe will utilize this award to maintain existing transit services on the Qualla Boundary and other tribal lands.

**Activities to be performed:**

Funding will be used to cover eligible operating expenses including employee salaries, vehicle fuel, preventative maintenance activities and items having a useful life of less than one year.

**Expected outcomes:**

Funding will permit the EBCI Tribe to continue to provide safe and effective operation on transit services to the tribal area.

**Intended beneficiaries:**

Transit riders in the Qualla Boundary area and other EBCI tribal lands.

**Subrecipient Activities:**

None EBCI does not have subrecipients.

## Application Point of Contact Information

First Name	Last Name	Title	E-mail Address	Phone
Kristin	Lane	Manager	krislane@nc-chokeee.com	8283596302
Julia	Walker	Environmental Protection Specialist	julia.walker@dot.gov	404-865-5645

## Application Budget Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula	5311-1A	20509	\$157,698
Local			\$39,425
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
<b>Total Eligible Cost</b>			<b>\$197,123</b>

## Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
NC-2023-015-01-00	620-00 (620-A1) PROJECT ADMINISTRATION	\$71,419.00	\$17,855.00	\$89,274.00	1
NC-2023-015-01-00	11.79.00 PROJECT ADMINISTRATION	\$71,419.00	\$17,855.00	\$89,274.00	1
NC-2023-015-01-00	648-00 (648-A2) APPALACHIAN DEV PUB TRANSIT ASSIST	\$86,279.00	\$21,570.00	\$107,849.00	1
NC-2023-015-01-00	11.80.00 STATE OR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	\$86,279.00	\$21,570.00	\$107,849.00	1

## Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

## Part 3: Project Information

### Project Title: Qualla Boundary Public Transportation Program

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
NC-2023-015-01-00	6726-2023-1-P1	11/17/2022	9/30/2025	9/30/2025

#### Project Description

EBCI will utilize administrative funding to support the provision of community transportation services to the human service agencies and the general public.

#### Project Benefits

Provides administrative assistance for the EBCI Public Transportation System to enhance access for people in our service area for the purposes such as shopping healthcare, education, recreation, public services and employment through maintenance, development and improvement of our public transportation system.

#### Additional Information

This project location will be within our service area located on and in the proximity of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Lands on the Qualla Boundary and the Snowbird Community in Robbinsville, NC.

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## Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
370000	North Carolina

## Congressional District Information

State	District	Representative
North Carolina	11	Mark Meadows

## Program Plan Information

### STIP/TIP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

### UPWP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

### Long Range Plan

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

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## Project Budget Activity Line Items

### Budget Activity Line Item: 11.80.00 - STATE OR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
APPALACHIAN DEV PUB TRANSIT ASSIST (648-00)	11.80.00	STATE OR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	STATE / PROGRAM ADMIN - BUS APPALACHIAN	1

#### Extended Budget Description

EBCI will utilize funding to assist in travel/training through various public transit programs including but not limited to; RTAP, CTAA, NCPTD and the FTA. Funding will also be utilized for coordination with other regional transit systems to plan and provide customer service provision. Funding will also be utilized to maintain service from our Snowbird Transit office in the Snowbird/Robbinsville area. Being that Snowbird is a rural community that lacks a good outlet for communication including internet, mobile/cellular communications, the main office of EBCI Transit manages their administrative activities including marketing, data input, financial requisitions, and billing. Safety training materials and instruction through our program's Safety Coordinator will also be provided with the administrative funding. Funding will also be used for costs associated with the administering of drug and alcohol testing. All of these activities will enhance the access of people in our service areas for the purpose of transportation.

#### Will 3rd Party contractors be used to fulfill this activity line item?

No, 3rd Party Contractors will not be used for this line item.

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End Date	9/30/2025	Completion date.

**Budget Activity Line Item: 11.79.00 - PROJECT ADMINISTRATION**

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End Date	9/30/2025	Funds to be spent by.

## Project Environmental Findings

### Finding: Class II(c) - Categorical Exclusions (C-List)

#### Class Level Description

Class II(c) consists of projects that do not have a significant environmental impact on the human or natural environment and are therefore categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement. FTA requires a sufficient project description to support a CE determination. The project may require additional documentation to comply with other environmental laws.

#### Categorical Exclusion Description

Type 04: Planning and administrative activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: training, technical assistance and research; promulgation of rules, regulations, directives, or program guidance; approval of project concepts; engineering; and operating assistance to transit authorities to continue existing service or increase service to meet routine demand.

Date Description	Date
Class IIc CE Approved	



## Part 4: Fleet Details

No fleet data exists for this application.

## Part 5: FTA Review Comments

### FTA Comments for DOL

**Comment By** Julia Walker

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Comment Type DOL Review for Information

Date 5/26/2023

Comment Tribal grant application submitted for informational purposes.

### Application Review Comments

**Comment By** Julia Walker

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Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 1/19/2023

Comment Please include the following headings in the Executive Summary:  
Purpose: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribe will utilize this award to maintain existing transit services on the Qualla Boundary and other tribal lands.  
Activities to be Performed: Funding will be used to cover eligible operating expenses including employee salaries, vehicle fuel, preventative maintenance activities and items having a useful life of less than one year.  
Expected Outcomes: Funding will permit the EBCI Tribe to continue to provide safe and effective operation on transit services to the tribal area.  
Intended Beneficiaries: Transit riders in the Qualla Boundary area and other EBCI tribal lands.  
Subrecipients: None EBCI does not have subrecipients.

Please change the period of performance end date to 3/30/2028.

**Comment By** Julia Walker

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Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 1/24/2023

Comment The previous comments isn't addressed in the Executive Summary.

**Comment By** Julia Walker

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Comment Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Type

Date	1/24/2023
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Comment Please change the end date to 3/30/2028.  
Please ensure that all of the supporting documentation, such as the documents included in NC-2022-050-00 (certs and assurances, etc.), are included in the grant application.

**Comment By Julia Walker**

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Comment Type	Pre-Award Manager Returns Application
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Date	2/2/2023
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Comment Please include the Indirect Cost Rate Memo, the relevant Apportionment Table, the EBCI Justification Memo and the Designation of Signature Authority in the grant application documents.

**Comment By Julia Walker**

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Comment Type	Pre-Award Manager Returns Application
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Date	3/22/2023
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Comment Please separate out the CARES funding from this grant application into a separate, CARES only, grant application.